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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to as not filing reference numeral 13. In response, a proposed drawing correction is concurrently filed.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as allegedly not being supported by the specification. The rejection alleges that applying water repellance is not adequately described. In response, claims 1, 4 and 6 are amended herein to recite that the metal element is selectively introduced by coating a water repellant solution that contains the metal element to the semiconductor film. It is respectfully suggested that this obviates the rejection by simply stating that a water repellant solution is added, as compared with the previous language.

This same amendment obviates the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 4 and 6 are rejected based on obviousness type double patenting based on claim 6, 12 and 17 of U.S. Patent Number 6,093,587 in view of Makita. This has been obviated by the filing of a terminal disclaimer herein.



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Claims 20-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as allegedly being obvious over Nakajima in view of King and Makita. This contention, however, is respectfully traversed. King teaches that germanium has already been added to the $\text{Si}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$ film. Accordingly, it is respectfully suggested that a person having ordinary skill in the art would not find it obvious to add nickel to the $\text{Si}_x\text{Ge}_{1-x}$ film after the germanium had already been added. Therefore, it is respectfully suggested that it would not be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the methods taught by Nakajima, King and Makita to provide the electroluminescent display device of the presently claimed system.

Dependent claims 21-23 should be allowable for similar reason to those discussed above.

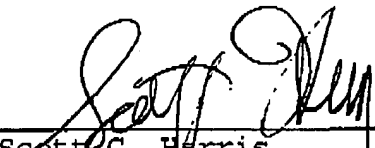
In view of the amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.


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Respectfully submitted,

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Amended Drawing